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In the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed 13 February 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 13 May 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 13 June 2002, is attached along with the required fee.

Applicants greatly appreciate the helpful discussion at an interview on 18 March 2002, kindly conducted by Examiner Davis with patent counsel for the Assignee, Agensys, and the undersigned. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and § 112 were discussed. The Interview Summary notes that arguments and amendments will be submitted in response. The considered claims, claims 54-77 were rejected; amendments have been made to these claims.

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Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, both as written and as discussed at the interview, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Specification and Claims.